Operation Food and the Swiss aided project in 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given below.

		Rs. in lakhs (Provisional)	
		1995-96	1996-97
(i)	Operation Flood-III	401.16	54.43
(ii)	Swiss aided North Kerala Dairy Project	109.89	200.62

Migratory Birds in Doon Valley

3570. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new winter home of the migratory birds in the western part of the Doon Valley has been discovered by Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided by the Government for this new winter home of the migratory birds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have identified Asan Reservoir in the Dehra Dun Valley as an habitat of migratory birds. 36 species of water birds have been recorded from the reservoir. Of these, 15 are migratory, 12 resident and 9 are resident migrants.

(c) This Ministry provides assistance for the development of notified national parks and sanctuaries and Asan reservoir is not declared as a sanctuary or national park.

[Translation]

Industrial Units

3571. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of industrial units in Delhi which conform to the pollution control norms according to the Master Plan;

(b) the locations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) According to the Government of Delhi, out of a total of 1.35 lac industries, approximately 24,000 industries are located in conforming areas. These industries are located in 28 industrial areas of Delhi.

Effect of Pesticides

3572. CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding the effect of pesticides on the pregnant women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to conduct any study in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) There is no epidemiological data indicating that women are more vulnerable to pesticide effects nor are there data indicating any causal association between pesticide residue ingestion and adverse effect on maternal or foetal health. There are only a few reports indicating that occupational pesticide exposure results in reproductive health problems such as abortions, premature births, pregnancy complications, foetal malformation and growth retardation. Details are attached as statement.

(c) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted a study on pesticides residue of DDT in pregnant women which indicated presence of pesticides in breast milk, maternal blood, placental blood and placenta.

Statement

(1) The effects of occupational contact with pesticides on the function of the fetoplacental system. Abdur akhmanov M.K. et al. Akush Ginekol (Mosk) Russia (1993), Vol. 1, PP. 46-49.

110 pregnant women engaged in cotton growing. Occupational exposure pregnancy and labor were often associated with obstetrical and perinatal abnormalities.

(2) Prevalence of adverse reproductive outcomes in a population occupationally exposed to pesticides in Columbia. Restrepo M. et al. Scad. J. Work Env. Hlth. (1990), Vol. 16 (4), PP. 232-8.

A population of 8867 persons (2951 men and 5916 women) exposed to 127 different types of pesticides. Prevalence rates of abortion. Prematurity, still births and malformations were estimated. Moderate increase observed.

[English]

Smuggling of Timber

3573. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3029, dated August 27, 1996 and state :